

## BOOK REVIEWS

**JOHNSTON, MARSHALL C.** 1988. *The Vascular Plants of Texas: A List, Up-dating the "Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas."* Published by the author, 3905 Avenue G, Austin, TX 78751. Paper \$11.00 + 8% sales tax in Texas; outside North America \$15.00.

This is an update of the Correll & Johnston "Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas," published in 1970. This Manual is still available from the University of Texas at Dallas Book Store in Richardson, Texas. The new data is organized by page numbers corresponding to those of the Manual facilitating quick reference between the two. The literature citations follow the page numbers with the index last. Not only does this update the current knowledge but it was also to make some corrections in the original Manual. In doing so, I find in the reference section that my middle initial "E" has been replaced with "J." and "H." Once a mistake is made, it is certain to be repeated not only by others but by myself as well. There will always be some aspect that one does not agree upon but this is an excellent attempt for this moment in time without reproducing the entire manual. WFM.

**JOHNSTON, MARSHALL C.** 1990. *The Vascular Plants of Texas. A List, up-dating the Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas. Second edition.* Published by the author, 3905 Avenue G, Austin, TX 78751. Paper \$14.00 (US) prepaid shipment to North American addresses not requiring invoicing or billing. For shipments outside North America or shipments requiring invoicing or billing send \$17.00 (US). For deliveries to Texas addresses add 7.75% sales tax.

**WOFFORD, B.E.** 1989. *Guide to the Vascular Plants of the Blue Ridge.* 384 pp. University of Georgia Press, Athens, GA 30602. Paperback \$15.00; Hardbound \$35.00.

This is an excellent manual for the identification of the vascular plants of the Blue Ridge Province. It has an illustrated glossary with the text consisting of dichotomous keys followed by indices to both common and scientific names. In identification manuals, the species description is a summation of the taxonomic characteristics that are usually present in the keys that distinguish each taxon from the others in the treatment. Only in monographic treatments are the detailed species descriptions given in full. Thus, the lack of species descriptions does not diminish the effectiveness of this manual but actually enhances it.